

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-51 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of prior art teaches a system for self-service vending of an electronic toll collection device comprising a processing device located in the vending unit and in electronic communication with the payment acceptance device and the dispenser for providing a stored value for the electronic toll collection device by transmitting the stored value from the vending unit to a remote computer for maintaining account information regarding the electronic toll collection device and controlling the dispenser to dispense the electronic toll collection device in accordance with the payment accepted by the payment device, and the claimed step of reading a barcode from a violation notice issued pursuant to the toll violation and communicating information in the bar code to the violation processing center along with other limitations as set forth in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEUNG H. LEE whose telephone number is (571)272-2401. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven S. Paik can be reached on (571) 272-2404. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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